2012 Annual Report

Town of Herndon
Police Department

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Chief of Police

March 1, 2012

On behalf of the Herndon Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report.

The report highlights statistical data for 2012 as a comparison to the same data for previous years. The report also provides highlights of the department's accomplishments, an overview of specialized activities, and other information we hope you will find useful.

We recognize the importance of community partnerships as we strive to provide quality law enforcement services. The department consistently seeks to collaborate with citizens, neighborhoods and community groups as we deliver law enforcement services under a community policing philosophy which allows us to understand the nature of local issues and develop mutual strategies. Our commitment to maintain these partnerships enables us to better serve the needs of citizens and provide the most efficient response. The police and the community share in the responsibility for public safety and as we continue to work together, everyone benefits from the partnership.

Our department prides itself on the law enforcement services provided to the citizens of Herndon and endeavors to meet the highest ethical and professional standards. We are nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and state accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC).

We are honored to serve you. Please visit us at our website, www.herndon-va.gov, (Public Safety), for current information and ongoing activities of the department.

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HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Core Purpose

To preserve the public peace and protect the rights of individuals.
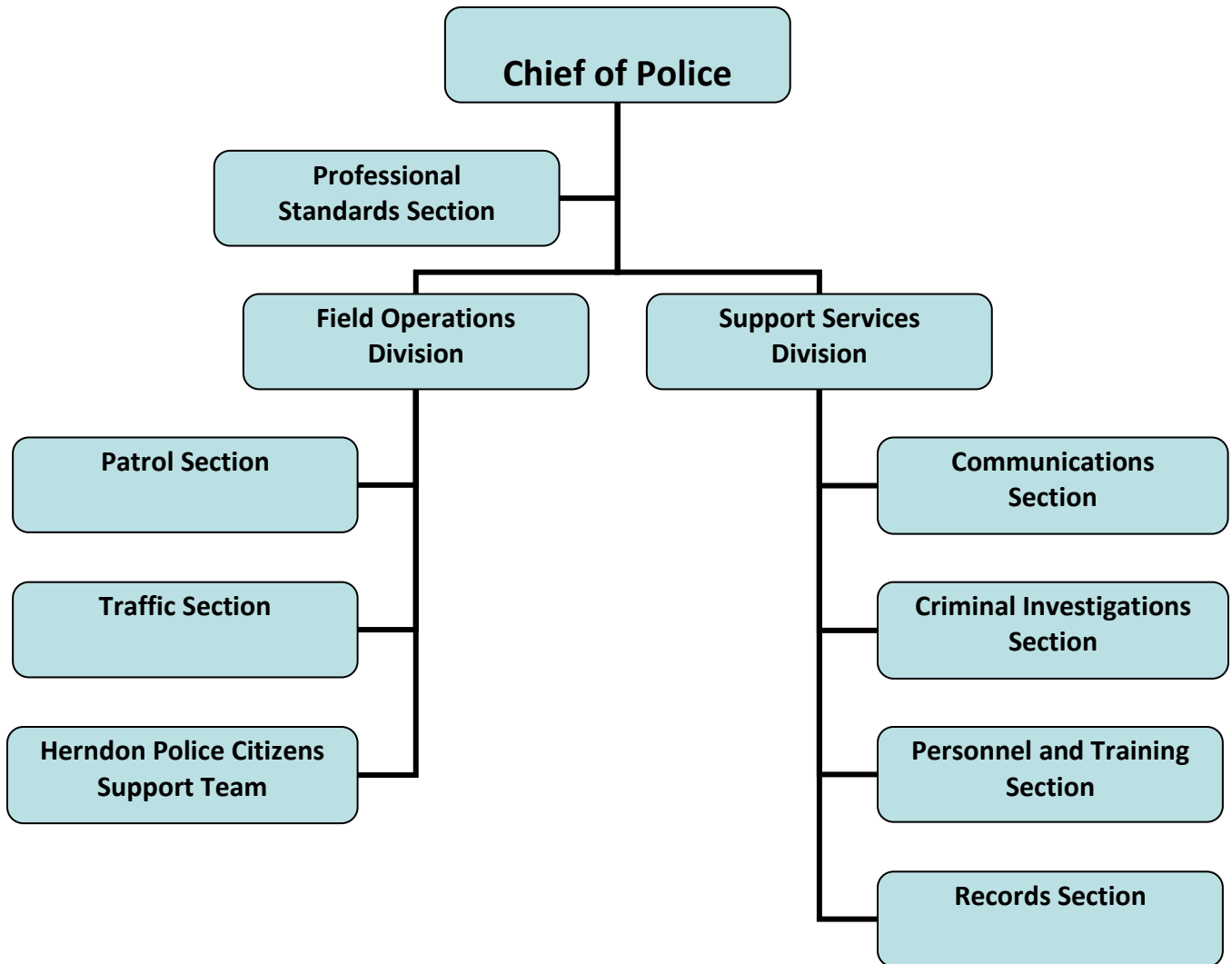
Mission Statement

To enrich the quality of life and promote a sense of community by providing law enforcement and related services in partnership with the law abiding public.

Vision

Understanding the challenges of enriching the quality of life and promoting a sense of community in a diverse society, the Herndon Police Department provides all citizens within the Town of Herndon the highest level of quality law enforcement service without regard to race, culture, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability.

2012 Herndon Police Department
Organization Chart

Chief of Police

Professional Standards Section

Field Operations Division

Support Services Division

Patrol Section

Traffic Section

Herndon Police Citizens Support Team

Communications Section

Criminal Investigations Section

Personnel and Training Section

Records Section

Demographics

2012 Town Population: 23,556
Land area: 4.28 square miles
Total HPD regular employees: 71
Total current sworn officers: 55
Officer/Citizen ratio: 1:428

2012 Herndon Police Department
Statistical Highlights

Calls for Service – 27,989

Average Response Time – 2.40 minutes

Group A Incidents – 1,003

Group B Incidents – 347

Arrests – 682
Adult – 628; Juvenile -54

Traffic Accidents - 561
Alcohol Related Accidents – 19

Traffic Tickets – 8,056
Reckless – 67
Speeding – 1,797
DUI Arrests – 133
Other Violations – 6,192

Volunteer Hours – 1,653.75

Bike Patrol Hours – 438.02

Foot Patrol Hours – 1,814.60

ICE 287(g) Investigations – 9
ICE Detainers – 41

287(g) Activity
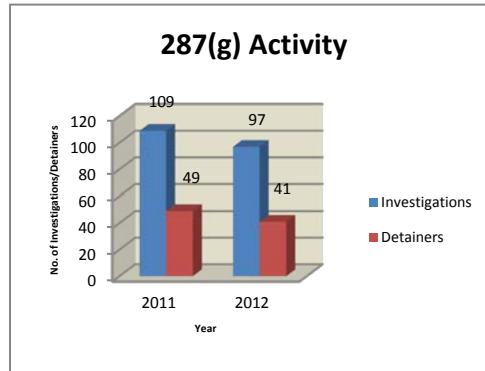
INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

2011

Investigations	External	Internal	Total
Total Complaints	4	10	**14**
Sustained	2	6	**8**

2012

Investigations	External	Internal	Total
Total Complaints	4	9	**13**
Sustained	0	7	**7**

We value your input. If you would like to report a community issue or any action concerning the Herndon Police Department or its employees, contact us by phone, (703) 435-6846, by mail, or email (herndon.police@herndon-va.gov), or visit us in person. A member of the Herndon Police Department will follow-up with you.

Major Accomplishments in 2012

New Chief of Police

The department welcomed Maggie A. DeBoard as the new Chief of Police, following the retirement of Toussaint E. Summers, Jr. Chief DeBoard comes from Fairfax County Police Department where she served for more than 25 years.   Her responsibilities with Fairfax included Deputy Chief – Investigations and Operations Support, Commander – Helicopter Division, Commander – Special Operations Division, Captain – Franconia District Station, and Major of a division patrol bureau.

Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge

In 2012, the Herndon Police Department was a third place winner of the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge, a program designed to encourage and promote traffic safety and enforcement programs throughout Virginia with an emphasis on impaired driving, speeding and aggressive driving, and seat belt and passenger safety enforcement. The department was also recognized for the highest seat belt rate and the "most improved" in seat belt usage. The department competes in this challenge annually.

Task Force Partnerships

The department values and seeks external law enforcement partnerships to facilitate specialized investigations into specific crime issues. The department has partnered with the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force for nine years. It is a multi-jurisdictional partnership comprised of local law enforcement to work together to thwart gang crime. The department works with the Virginia State Police on the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to conduct investigations and identify and apprehend offenders of child victims of internet-based crimes.

Exceptional Patrol Award

The American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) recognized Senior Police Officer Brian Hamilton for exceptional patrol efforts. Officer Hamilton's assistance was critical to the identification of a suspect who was falsely identifying himself as a police officer and assaulting women in Herndon. The ceremony was held at the AARP Building in Washington DC.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award

Officers Dyer, Farbry, and Ruffin were honored with MADD Awards in 2012 for their enforcement efforts against alcohol impaired driving.

Drunk Driving Arrests

Driving under the influence (DUI) arrests increased 129 percent from 58 in 2011 to 133 in 2012. Alcohol related accidents decreased 35 percent from 29 in 2011 to 19 in 2012.

Special Programs

National and State Accreditation

The Herndon Police Department is a progressive law enforcement agency committed to providing professional law enforcement services to our citizens according to national and state recognized law enforcement standards, and is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), a national accreditation agency, and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC), a Virginia state accreditation agency. The department achieved VLEPSC reaccreditation in March 2012.

287(g) Enforcement

In 2012, the police conducted 97 ICE investigations and issued 41 detainers under an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in conjunction with the 287(g) program which allows state and local law enforcement to perform certain enforcement activities of an immigration officer. DHS discontinued this program effective December 2012; however the department continues to work in partnership with ICE on immigration cases as the need arises.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Herndon Police Department held its inaugural Citizen's Police Academy in 1994, and continues the program each year. The Citizens Police Academy additionally extends its format to Senior Citizens and Youth. Each academy is specifically designed to foster a strong partnership with the community by providing a better understanding of the department's operations through education and involvement.

Certified Crime Prevention Community

The Herndon Police Department is dedicated to its community and crime prevention efforts and meets the standards to be designated as a Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The CCPC certification consists of a defined set of rigorous standards related to community safety that must be met and fosters the development of community safety initiatives at the local level. Herndon is one of only 12 localities in Virginia to maintain this certification.

Honor Guard

The Herndon Police Honor Guard was established in 2008 and participates in promotion, retirement and valor awards ceremonies, town council presentations and funerals. Individual team members additionally represent the department at several local events which include Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy graduations and Fairfax County Valor Awards. The Herndon Police Honor Guard is available upon request to the Herndon community. For information or availability, please contact Corporal Chris Farbry at 703-435-6881, ext. 2345.

Explorers

The Herndon Police Department offers a law enforcement Explorers Post youth club for young men and women ages 14 through 20 years old. The program offers learning opportunities combined with hands-on activities to youth interested in the field of law enforcement. Youth interested can contact Denise Randles at 703-435-6881, ext. 2343.

Herndon Police Citizens' Support Team

The Herndon Police Citizens' Support Team (HPCST) is a volunteer organization to provide aid, support and assistance to the Herndon Police. HPCST celebrated its 35th year of operation in 2011. In 2012, the HPCST dedicated more than 1,653 hours of volunteer work to the department. The services provided by the HPCST include: vehicle patrol, bike patrol, accident assistance, traffic control and surveys, fingerprinting services, and child safety seat inspection. The Herndon Police

Citizens' Support Team (HPCST) assists with many events in the Town of Herndon including Friday Night Live, Herndon Festival, Community Center Teen Dances, Fourth of July fireworks and the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade. The HPCST also provides assistance in neighborhood watch activities and Vacation House Check, a summer program whereby homeowners can sign up for house checks while on vacation. Many of the members of the HPCST are involved in the Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council and the Alumni Association of the Herndon Police Citizens Academy.

Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council

The Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council (HPCPC) was established in 2003 by the Chief of Police as an active citizens' organization to promote crime prevention efforts and to support the mission of the Herndon Police Department. The HPCPC is helping to build a safer community by increasing community awareness and educating citizens of their individual responsibility in the reduction and prevention of crime. The members of the HPCPC board represent residents, senior members, business owners and volunteers of the Herndon Police Citizens Support Team. The HPCPC provides specialized crime prevention training, promotes the formation of Neighborhood, Business and Fleet Watches, and serves as a liaison between the police department and citizens. In

2012, the HPCPC hosted two informational seminars for the community: Prescription Drug Abuse and Emergency Preparedness. The HPCPC also assisted with National Night Out and hosted a Public Safety Day in the town.

Crime Prevention Activities

The Herndon Police Department offers a range of programs and activities to educate citizens about community policing and crime prevention. Citizens and law enforcement work together to address crime and quality of life issues through community policing strategies and crime prevention programs. The department offers several programs to encourage safety and public awareness.

Neighborhood/Business/Fleet Watch Programs
Neighborhood, Business and Fleet Watch programs utilize groups of organized citizens to work with law enforcement to keep a concerned eye and ear on their communities. The department provides watch coordinators with a monthly report of crime activities, crime prevention tips and special crime alerts. In 2012, there were 20 active neighborhood watches, three active business watches and two active fleet watch programs in the town. Five components of these programs are encouraged: security assessments, commercial security, personal safety, operation identification and crime reporting.
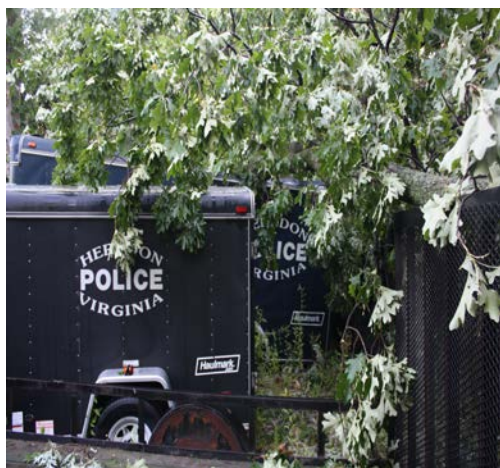

National Night Out
The Herndon Police Department participates in the National Night Out program each year to highlight its commitment to crime prevention and community partnerships. In 2012, 10 neighborhoods participated in National Night Out activities.

Emergency Management

The Town of Herndon is committed to emergency management coordination under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. The Town has fully adopted the Incident Management template to comply with federal guidelines, and all action plans and documentation is prepared in accordance with these mandates. Early in 2012, department heads and key Town officials participated in WebEOC retraining at the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center, and all participants were provided with passwords for access to the National Capitol Region (NCR) WebEOC system to monitor activities during significant emergency events. In addition, representatives from both the Police Department and the Department of Public Works received training as WebEOC controllers to facilitate Town emergency management participation in the program.

These practices and this training proved beneficial during several significant events in 2012, including the unanticipated *Derecho* storm which devastated the east coast in July and the slow moving *Sandy* hurricane and nor'easter, which occurred in October. During both events, Herndon fully participated in the emergency management activities.

Other significant emergency management events of note for 2012 where the Town activated its Emergency Operations Center and participated as a member of the WebEOC included the Herndon Festival and the presidential election. For the festival, incident action plans and a table-top exercise were prepared to field test plans and procedures. During the presidential election in November, Town officials prepared incident action plans with area jurisdictions to ensure a coordinated response to unanticipated events.

The Town's participation in NCR activities and training benefits Herndon citizens who must rely on an organized response to natural and manmade emergency events.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Section is responsible for investigating felony criminal cases such as murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, auto theft, and embezzlement. The section also investigates child abuse cases and missing person reports. The Criminal Investigations Section is comprised of a sergeant, three criminal detectives, two special assignment detectives and a computer forensics detective. Two criminal detectives are certified polygraph examiners and assist in investigations when needed. A narcotics detective and a gang detective are special assignments and work in conjunction with task forces. The department recognizes the importance of task force partnerships to effectively pursue special investigations which are time consuming and require additional expertise or resources. The narcotics detective works with the Fairfax County Police Vice/Narcotics Unit and the gang detective participates in gang investigations with the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force. The computer forensics detective conducts forensic examinations of computers and other technology in support of internet crimes and criminal investigations, and also works with the Virginia State Police on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
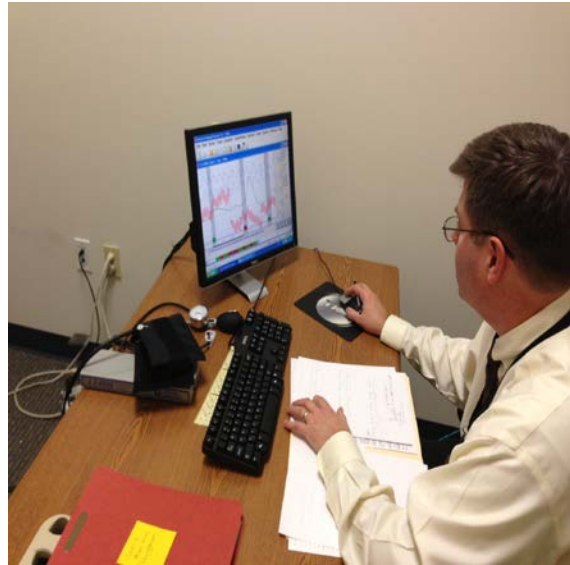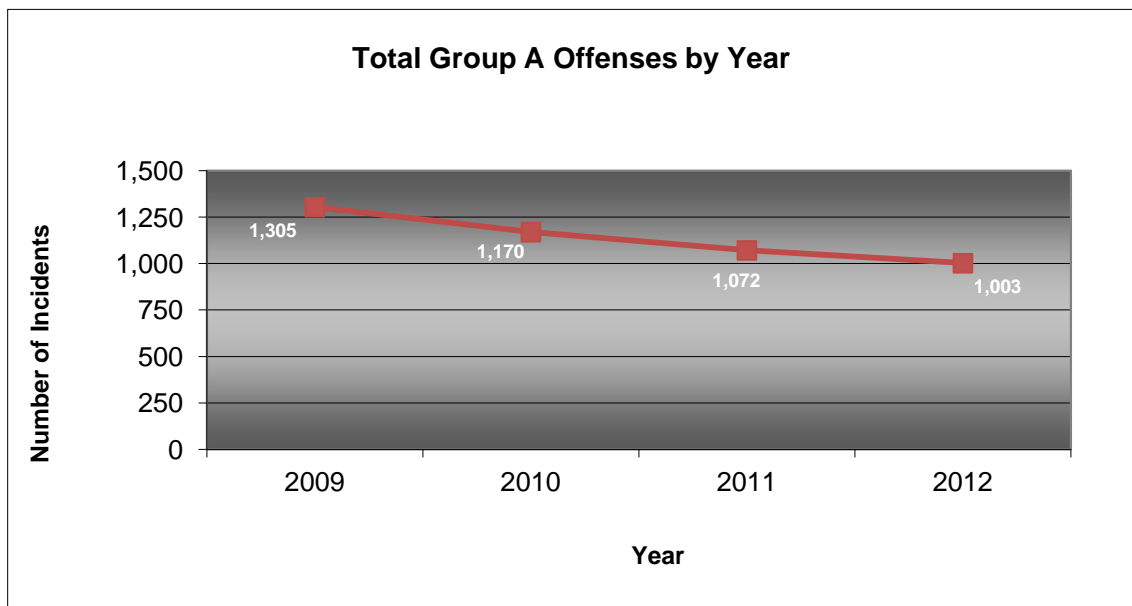
Crime Scene Investigations

The Herndon Police Department has three crime scene technicians who have received training from the Virginia Forensic Science Academy. The crime scene technicians collect, preserve, package, transport and document physical evidence from crime scenes. The department has a laboratory with highly specialized equipment enabling the department to perform crime scene forensics examinations. This specialized equipment allows the department's professionally trained crime scene technicians to analyze forensic evidence. The laboratory also contains equipment for the recovery of latent fingerprints from all types of surfaces. These capabilities are invaluable to the department in its use in investigations.
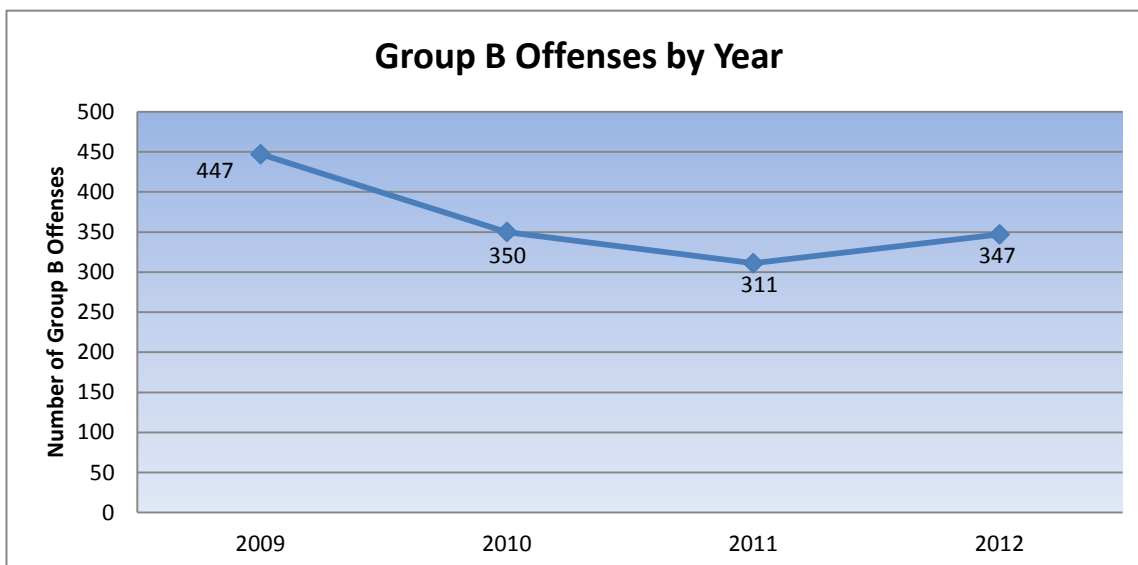
Crime Reporting

The department utilizes Incident Based Reporting (IBR), in line with national incident based reporting standards, to compile statistical crime data. The IBR format captures comprehensive information about each incident which includes the nature and types of specific offenses and victim and offender data. Crime data is broken into Group A offenses (crimes against persons) and Group B offenses (crimes against society). Group A offenses include murder, sex offenses, robbery, assaults, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, vandalism, drug offenses, prostitution and weapons violations. Group B offenses include charges such as bad checks, loitering, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drunk in public, family offenses (non-violent), liquor law violations, peeping tom, runaway, trespassing and conspiracy to commit crimes.

Group A Offenses

Total Group A Offenses by Year

Number of Incidents

- 2009: 1,305
- 2010: 1,170
- 2011: 1,072
- 2012: 1,003

Year

Group B Offenses

Group B Offenses by Year

Number of Group B Offenses

- 2009: 447
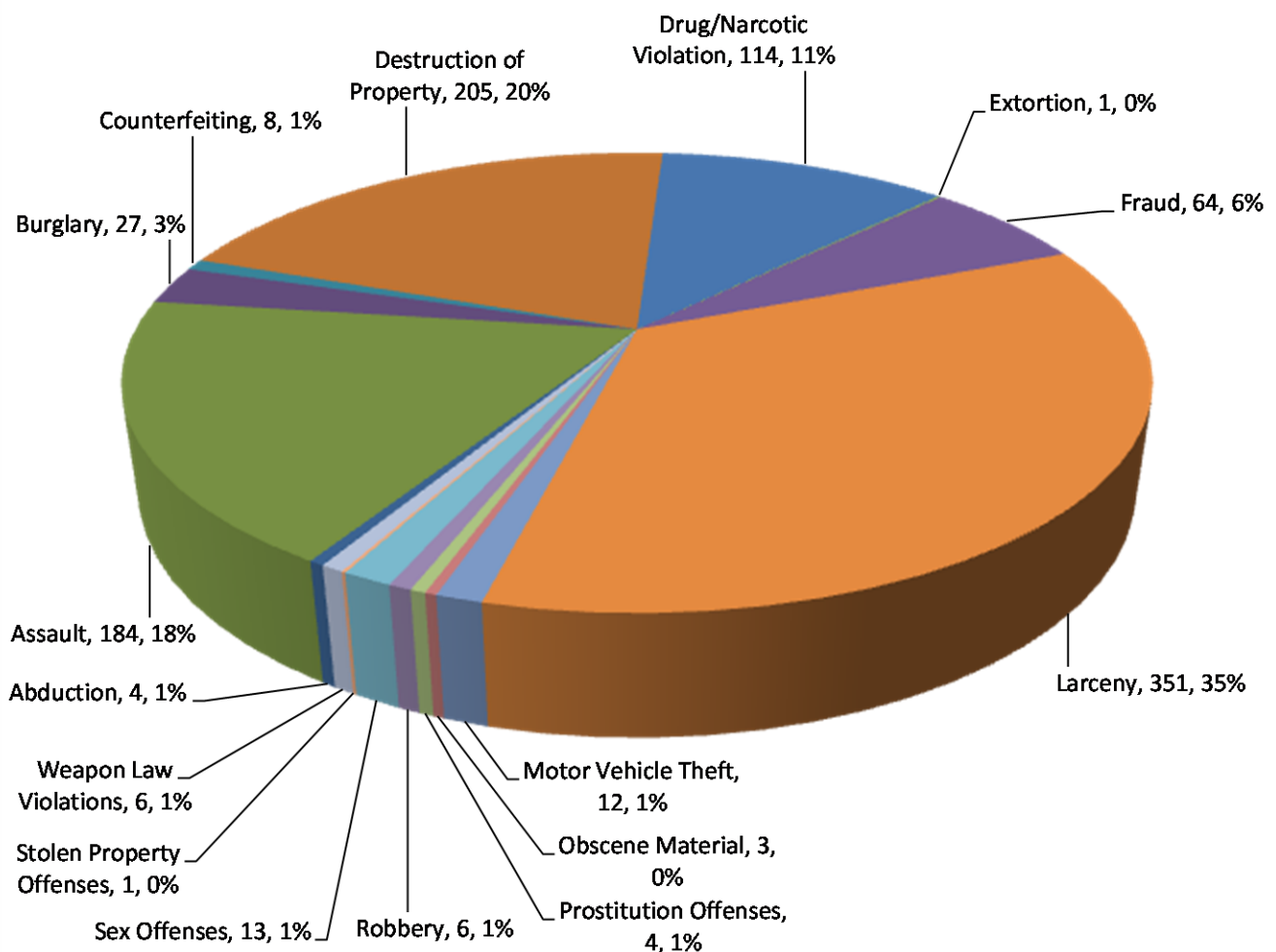- 2010: 350
- 2011: 311
- 2012: 347

Group A Crime Information

Group A offenses include murder, sex offenses, robbery, assaults, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, vandalism, drug offenses, prostitution and weapons violations.

Group A incidents decreased 6.5 percent from 2011 to 2012. Larceny was the most prevalent Group A crime for 2012, followed by destruction of property. Larceny offenses indicated a 2.5 percent decrease from 2011 numbers and the most common type of larceny was shoplifting, which accounted for nearly 60 percent of all larcenies. Larcenies from autos, which have been a problem in the past, accounted for less than 10 percent of larceny cases for the year.

Narcotic violations were up 35 percent for the year. The majority of narcotics cases involved marijuana and were the result of officers conducting proactive patrols and enforcement.

Group A Activity- 2012

Pie chart data:
- Drug/Narcotic Violation, 114, 11%
- Extortion, 1, 0%
- Fraud, 64, 6%
- Larceny, 351, 35%
- Motor Vehicle Theft, 12, 1%
- Obscene Material, 3, 0%
- Prostitution Offenses, 4, 1%
- Robbery, 6, 1%
- Sex Offenses, 13, 1%
- Stolen Property Offenses, 1, 0%
- Weapon Law Violations, 6, 1%
- Abduction, 4, 1%
- Assault, 184, 18%
- Burglary, 27, 3%
- Counterfeiting, 8, 1%
- Destruction of Property, 205, 20%

Source: Incident-Based Crime Reports (02/19/13)

Group B Crime Information

Group B offenses include bad checks, loitering, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drunk in public, family offenses (non-violent), liquor law violations, peeping tom, runaway, trespassing and conspiracy to commit crimes.

Group B offenses increased 10 percent from 2011 to 2012. Due to more proactive patrols, a 129 percent increase was seen in the number of arrests made for driving while intoxicated in town.
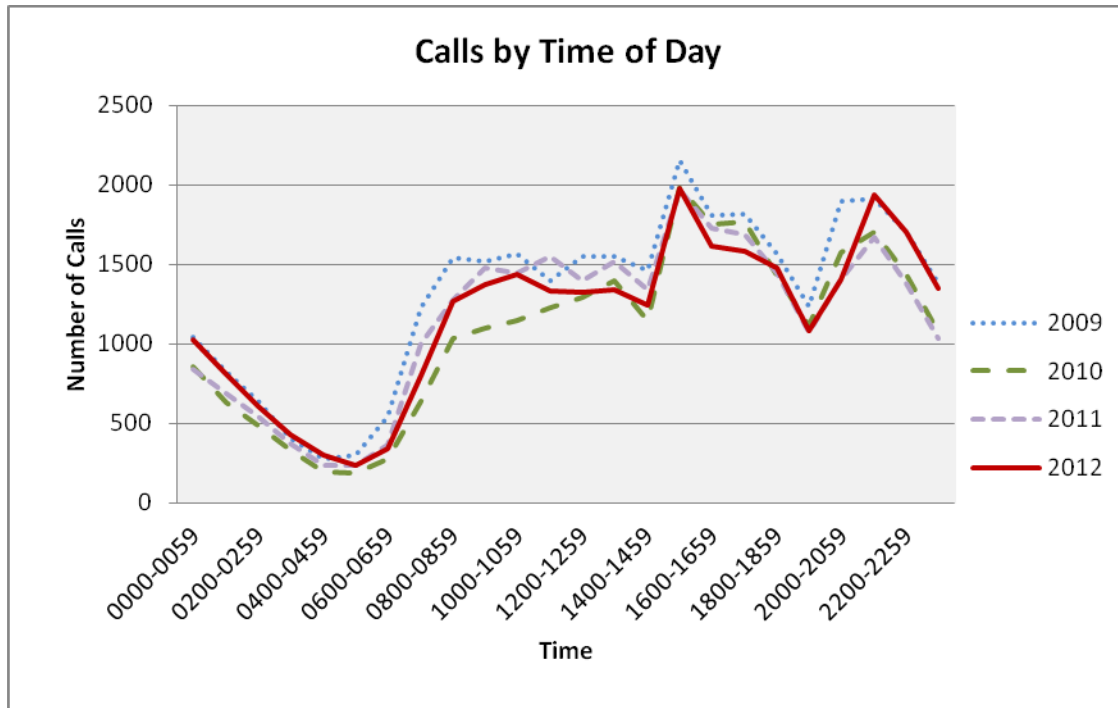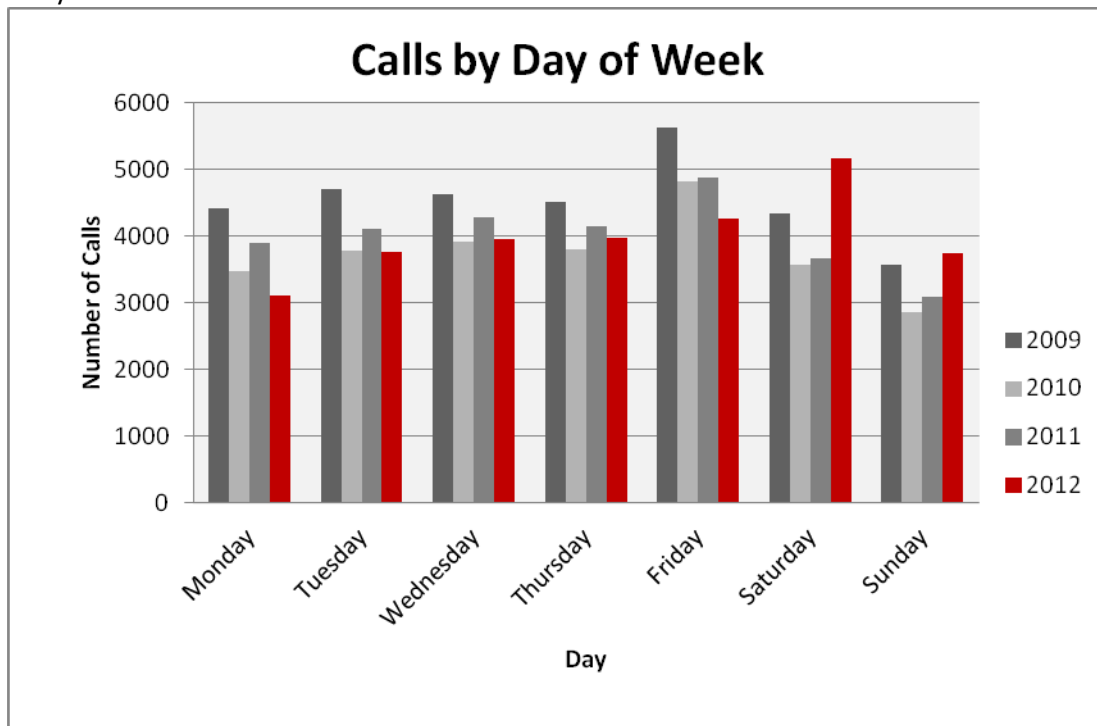
Group B Offenses - 2012
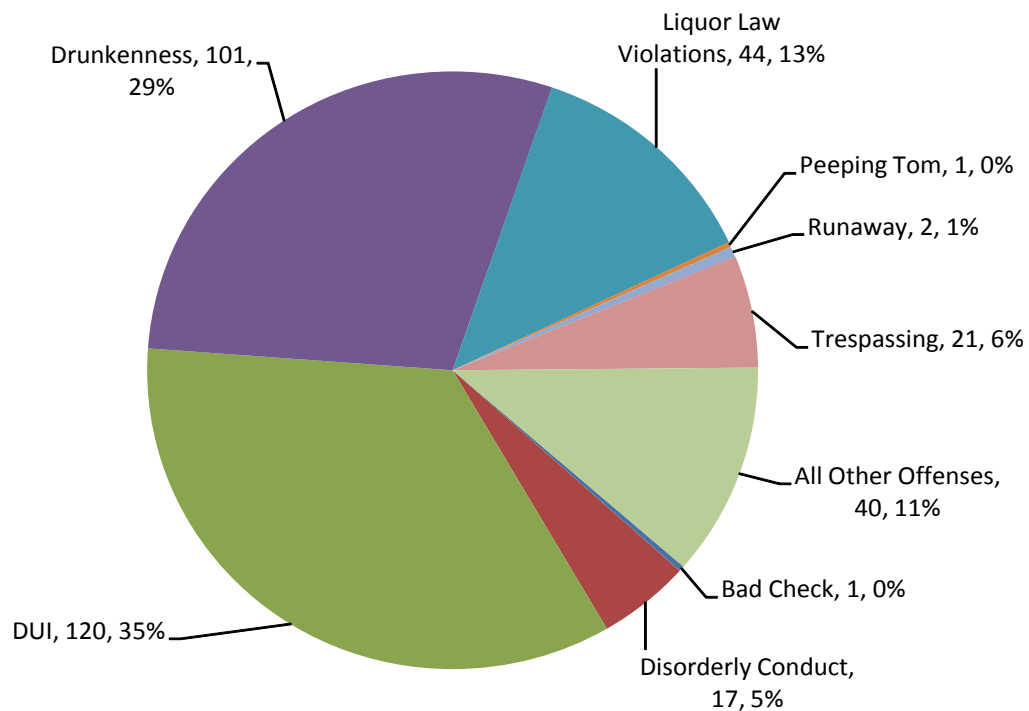
Source: Incident-Based Crime Reports (01/07/13)

Service Calls

Calls for service continue to follow the same trend based on time of day. Total calls for service in 2012 were consistent with 2011 numbers.

Calls by Time of Day

Calls for service were down each day of the week over 2011 numbers, except for Saturdays and Sundays.

Calls by Day of Week

Source: Herndon Police CAD System

Calls for Service by District

Total calls for service are categorized by each district. The Haley Smith District (HSD) experienced a much higher number of calls due to the physical location of the police station in that district; therefore officer initiated calls are calculated in the HSD district data.

Total Calls for Service by District

District	2011	2012
BRD	3603	3847
CRD	3907	3706
RMD	5497	5516
HSD	8787	8505
GCD	3678	3820
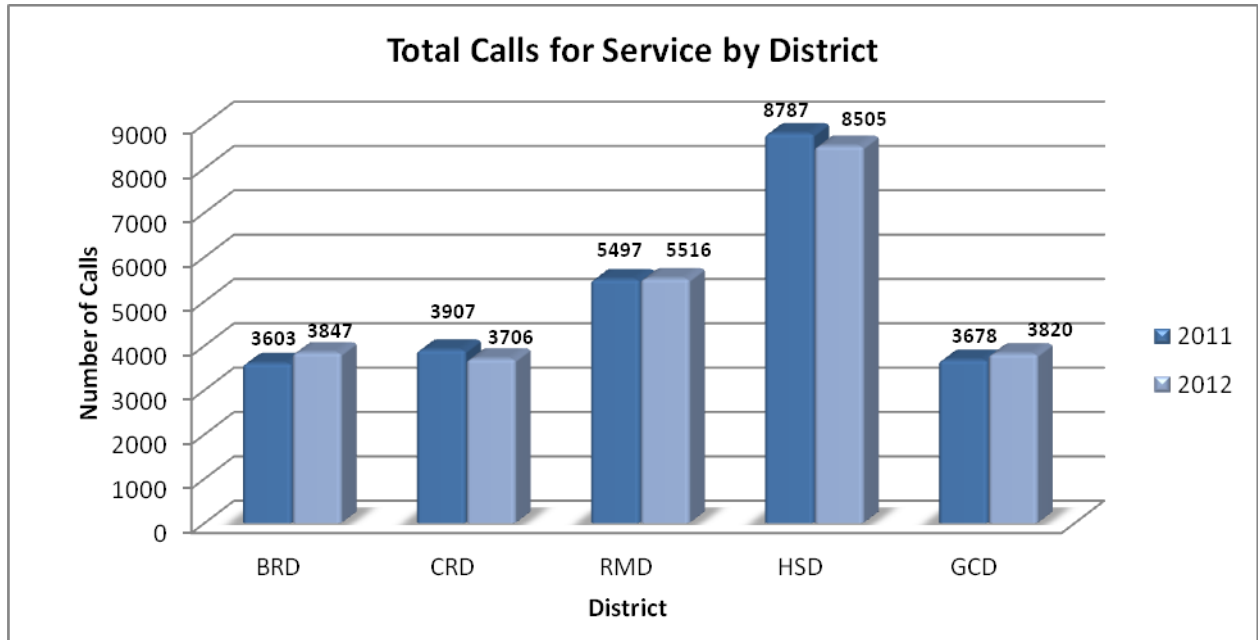
The chart below represents some of the more common calls received or initiated by the Herndon Police Department. Calls from 2011 to 2012 remained stable.

Common Calls by Nature
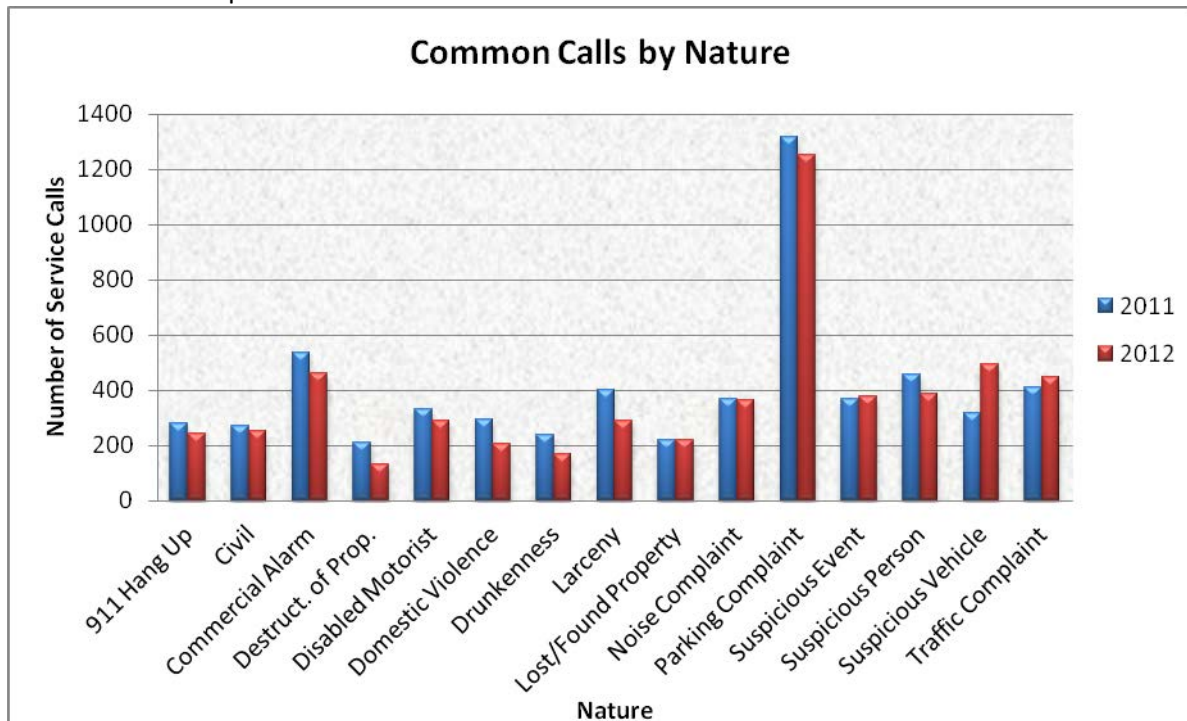
Traffic Activity

It is the mission of the Herndon Police Department to promote and increase safety on the public roadways through selective traffic enforcement strategies and proactive safety campaigns. Locations of selective enforcement were determined by many factors including citizen input, speed studies and review of accident data. In 2012, the department's focused safety campaigns targeted the impaired driver, child safety, pedestrian violations and speeding. The department conducted enhanced enforcement efforts to deter and detect drivers under the influence, improve seatbelt and child safety seat usage and impact speeding. A continuous effort exists to educate and inform the public on police operations and safety information through participation in national and local mobilization safety campaigns.

Locations with highest number of accidents in 2012:

LOCATION	NUMBER
1200 Block Elden Street	27
1100 Block Elden Street	17
Herndon Parkway/Sterling Road	14
Worldgate Drive	13
Elden Street/Grant Street	11

Traffic

Traffic Accidents by Year

584   610   620   562

(Number of Accidents vs. Year: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Warnings vs. Citations

Number Issued vs. Year

- Warnings
- Citations

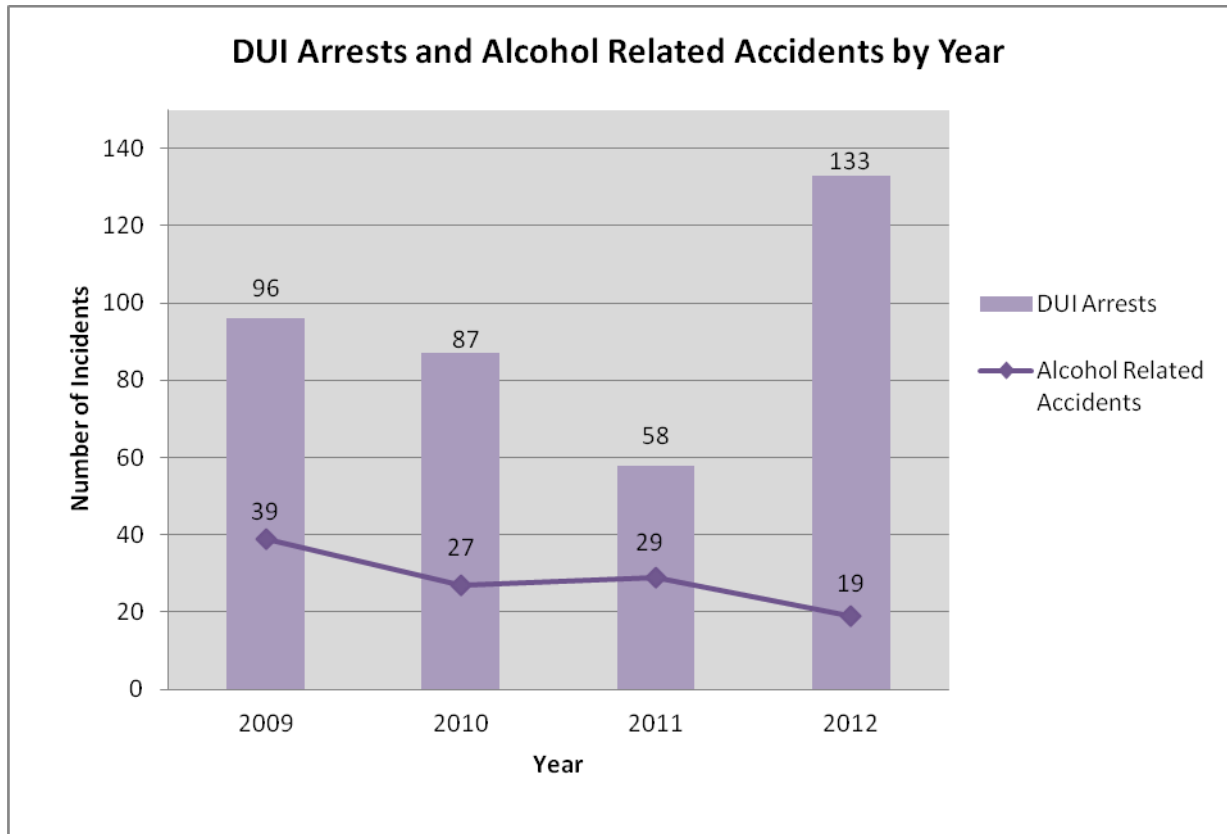| Year	Warnings	Citations
2009	672	9866
2010	405	7888
2011	498	8484
2012	369	8058
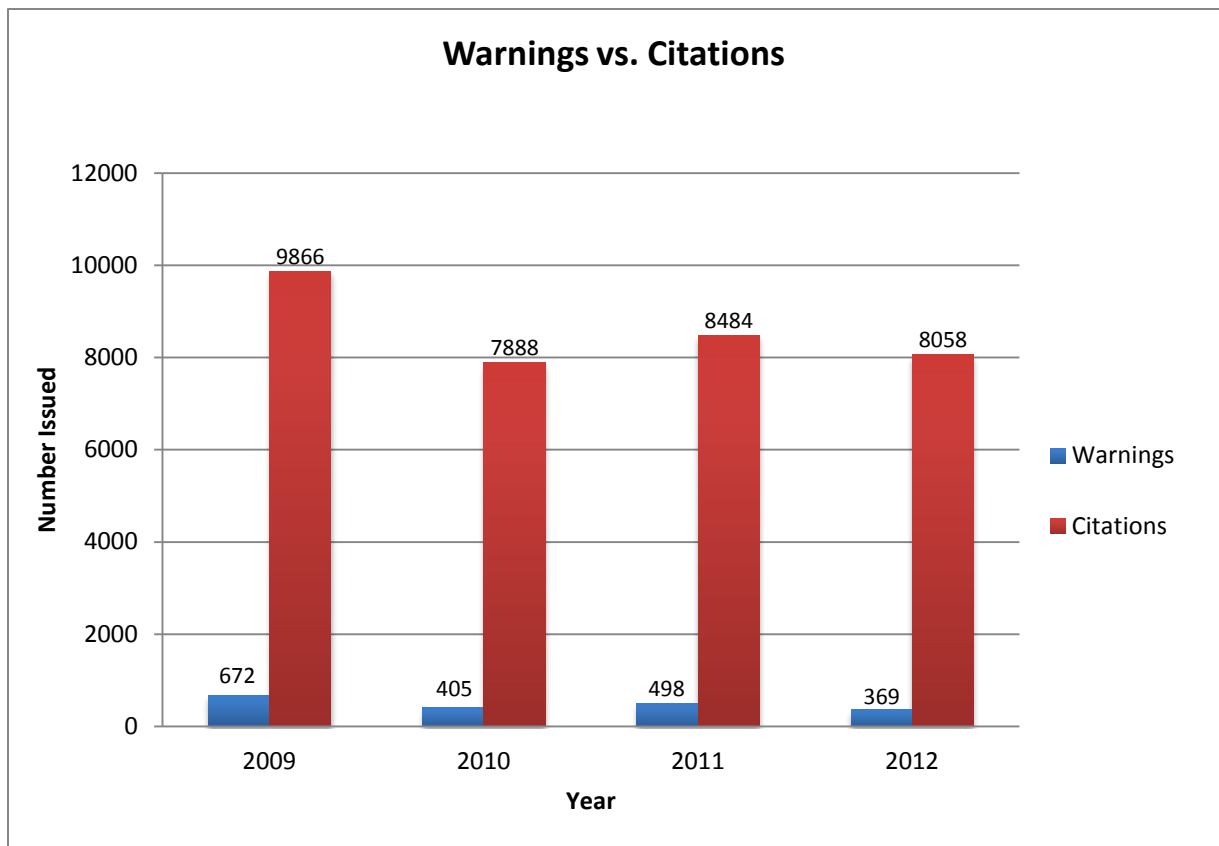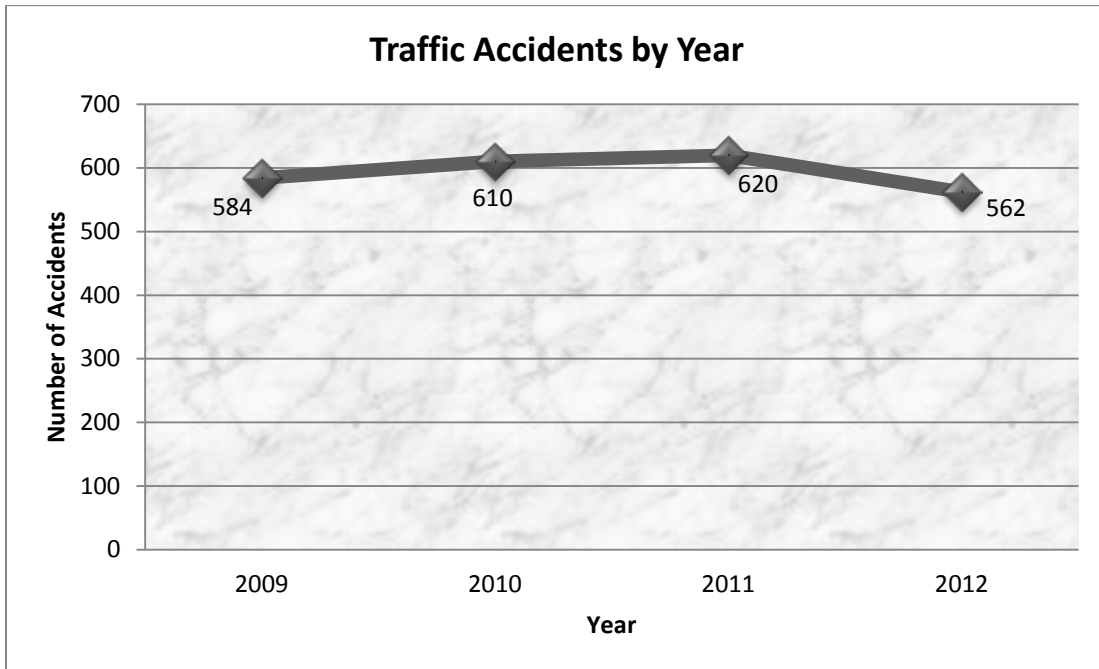
Source: Herndon Police Records Management System

Driving under the influence (DUI) arrests increased 129 percent from 2011 and alcohol related accidents decreased 35 percent.

DUI Arrests and Alcohol Related Accidents by Year

Source: Herndon Police Records Management System

Bike and Foot Patrol

Total Foot and Bike Patrol Hours
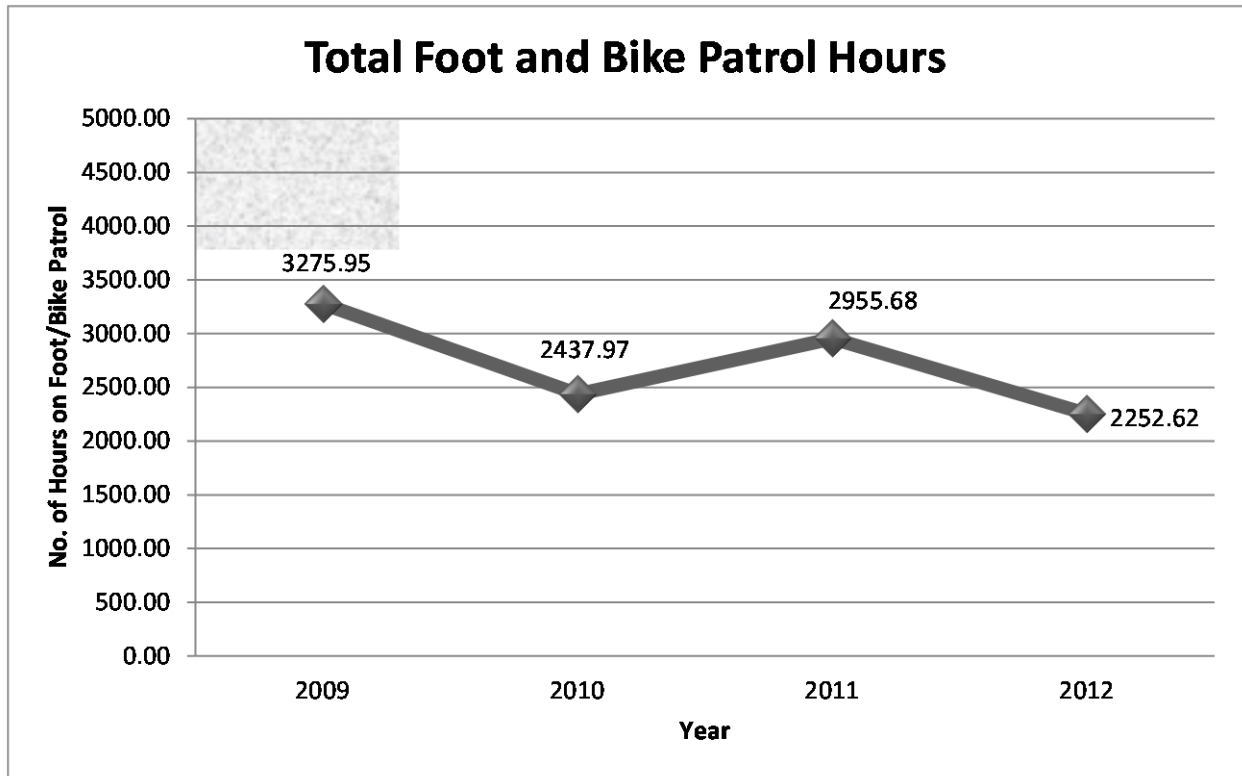
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Community Policing Philosophy

The Herndon Police Department has adopted a community policing philosophy and is committed to providing law enforcement services through its community policing efforts. This philosophy promotes police/citizen partnerships and supports interactive problem-solving strategies to address the cause and effect of crime. Although the department fulfills its traditional role of a full-service agency by responding to all calls for service, community policing supplements traditional law enforcement services by building effective partnerships with citizens to work together towards the common goal of making Herndon a safe place to live and work.

To enhance the Department's community policing program, five districts, **Golf Course**, **Bruin**, **Haley Smith**, **Center** and **Runnymede**, have been created within the Town of Herndon. Officers are assigned to each community policing district as part of a Community Action Team (CAT), to address concerns or specific issues of residents and businesses within each district. Officers additionally act as a point of reference for other services the Town provides. The Community Action Teams seek to proactively identify problems in order to prevent escalation of an issue or problem.

Team members can be reached at the police non-emergency number, 703-435-6846.

Team Leaders

Bruin
SSgt. D. L. Nidell

Center
Sgt. S.T. Pihonak

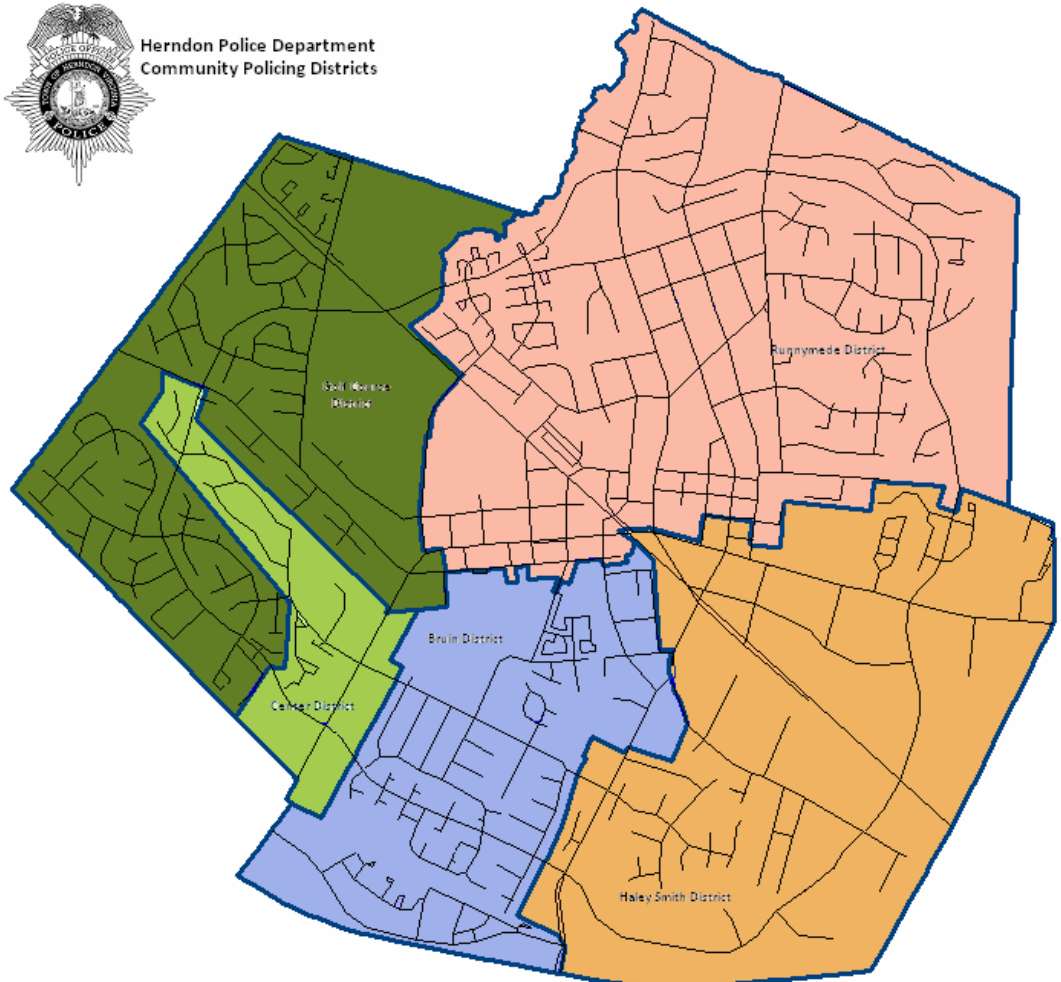**Golf Course**
SSgt. J. W. Tacci

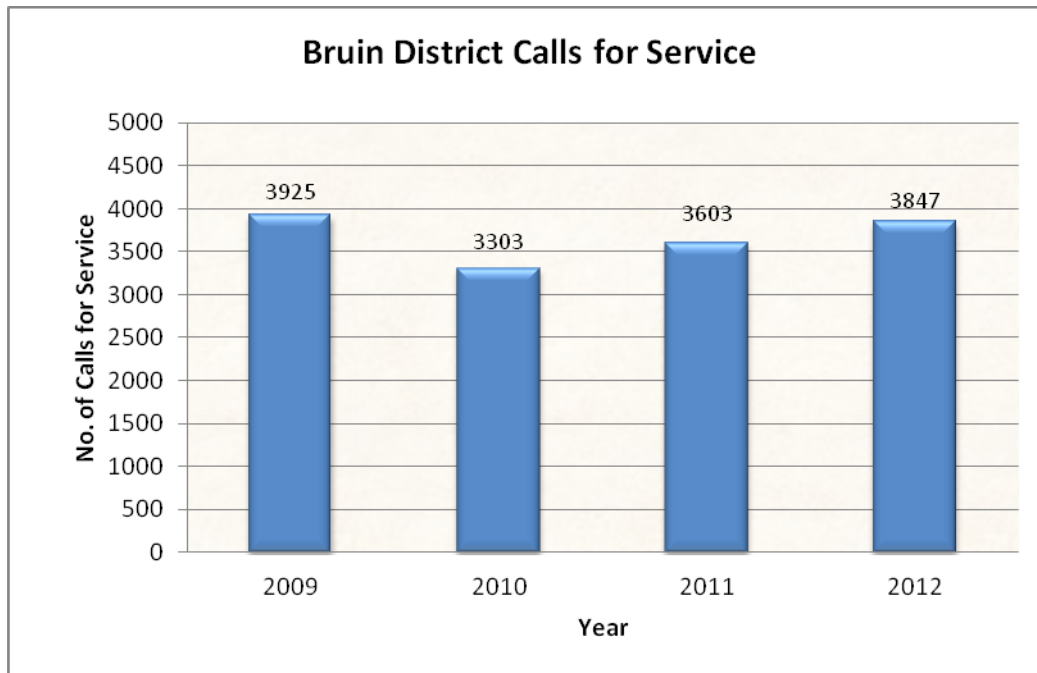**Haley Smith**
Sgt. J. K. Williams

Runnymede
Sgt. C. R. Saa
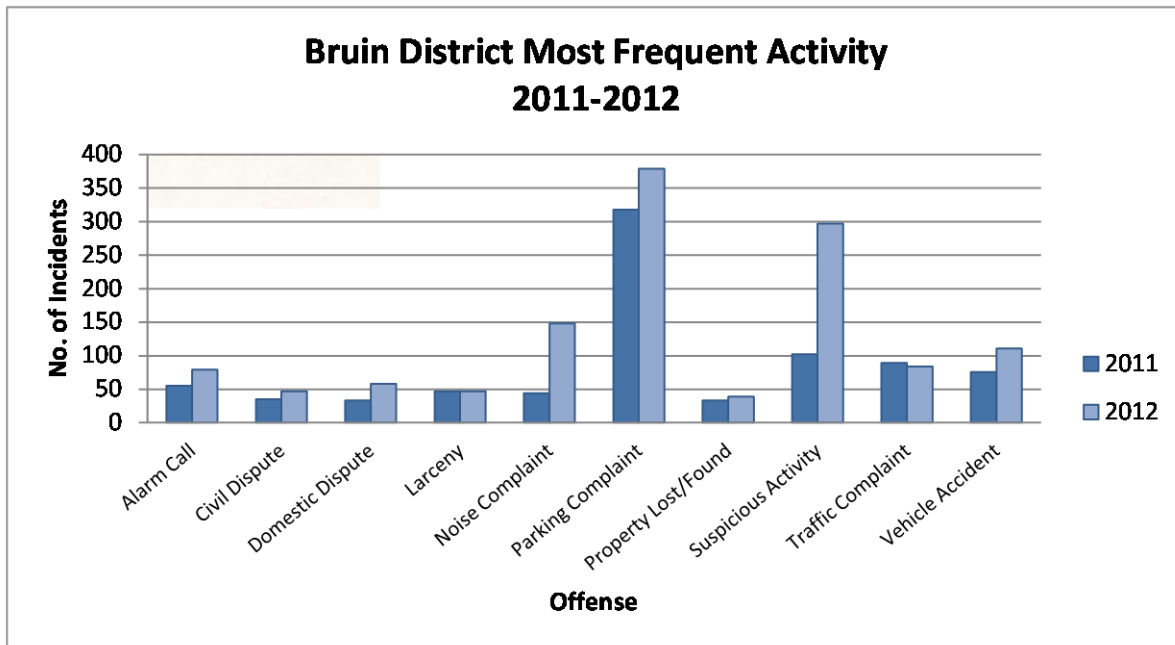
Herndon Police Department
Community Policing Districts

Individual District Data

## BRUIN DISTRICT

Bruin District Calls for Service

The most common calls for service in the Bruin District were parking complaints. Reports of suspicious activity throughout the district resulted in a huge increase as well.
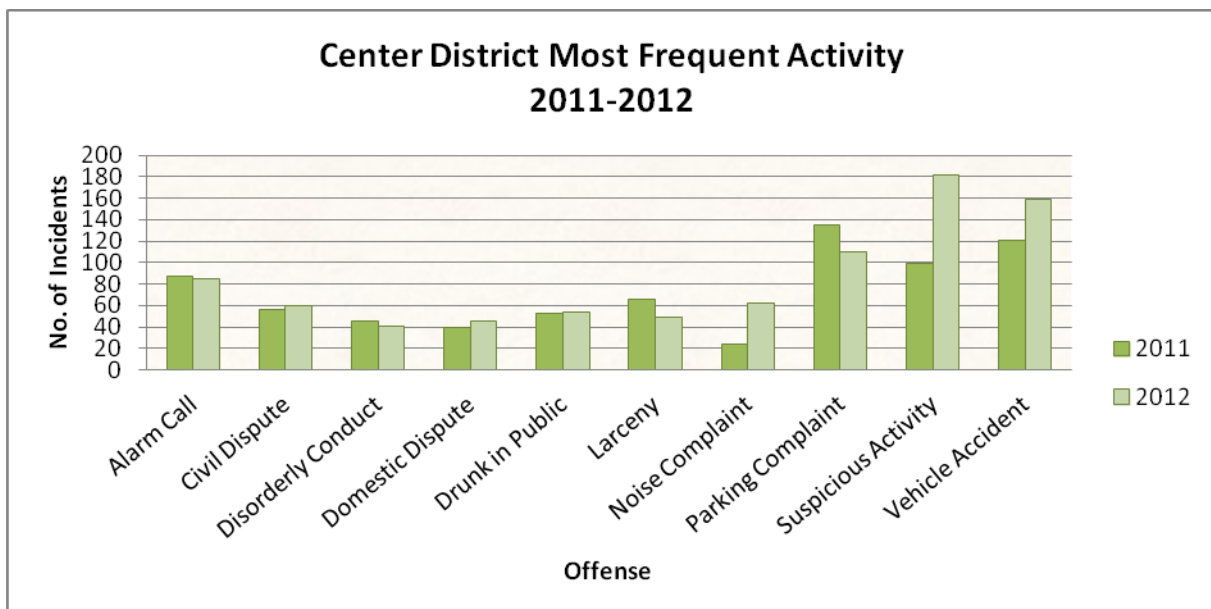

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CENTER DISTRICT

Center District Calls for Service

No. of Calls for Service

Year	No. of Calls for Service
2009	5455
2010	4069
2011	3907
2012	3706
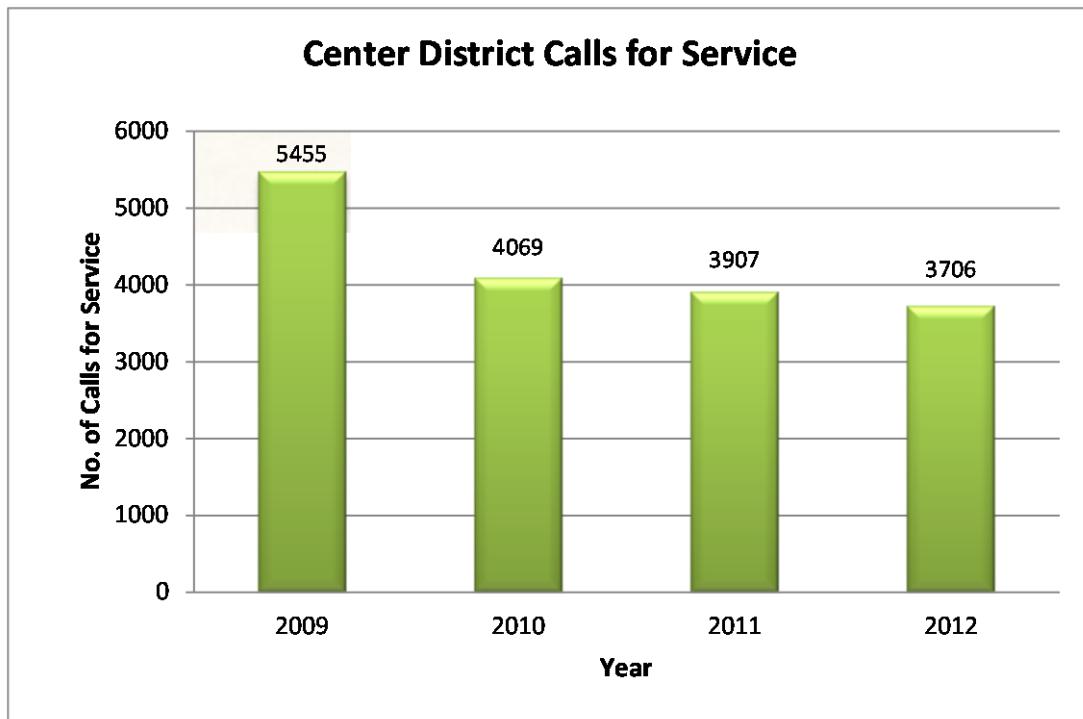
Suspicious activity and vehicle accident reports were the predominant issue in the Center District in 2012.

Center District Most Frequent Activity 2011-2012

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GOLF COURSE DISTRICT

Golf Course District Calls for Service
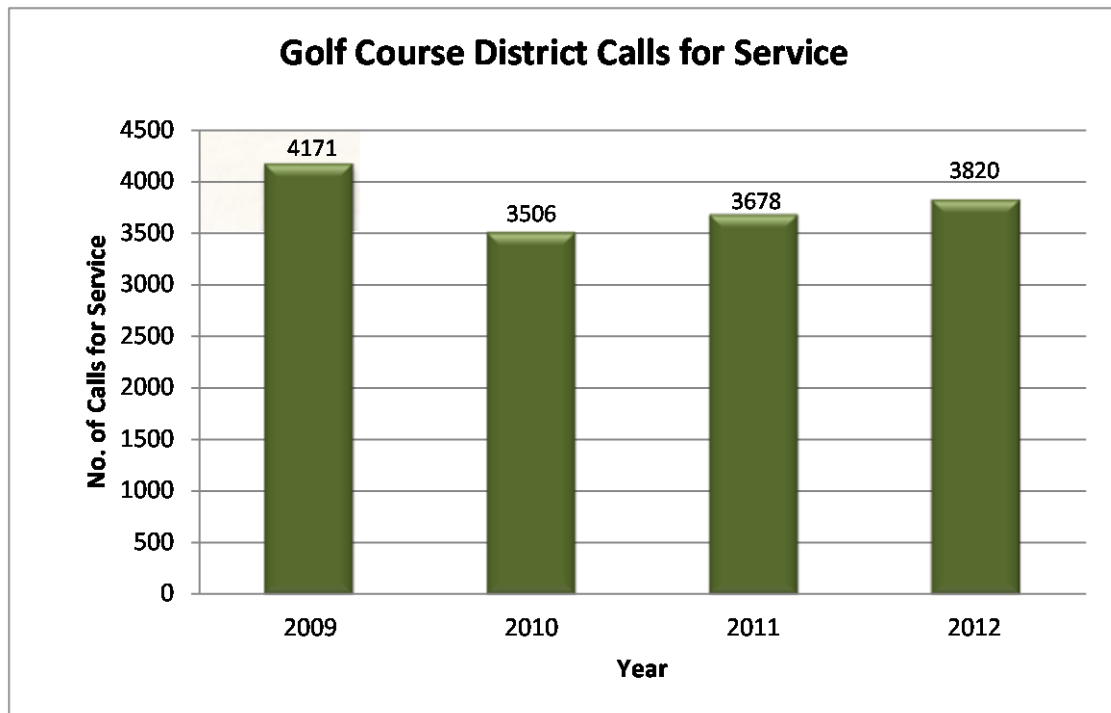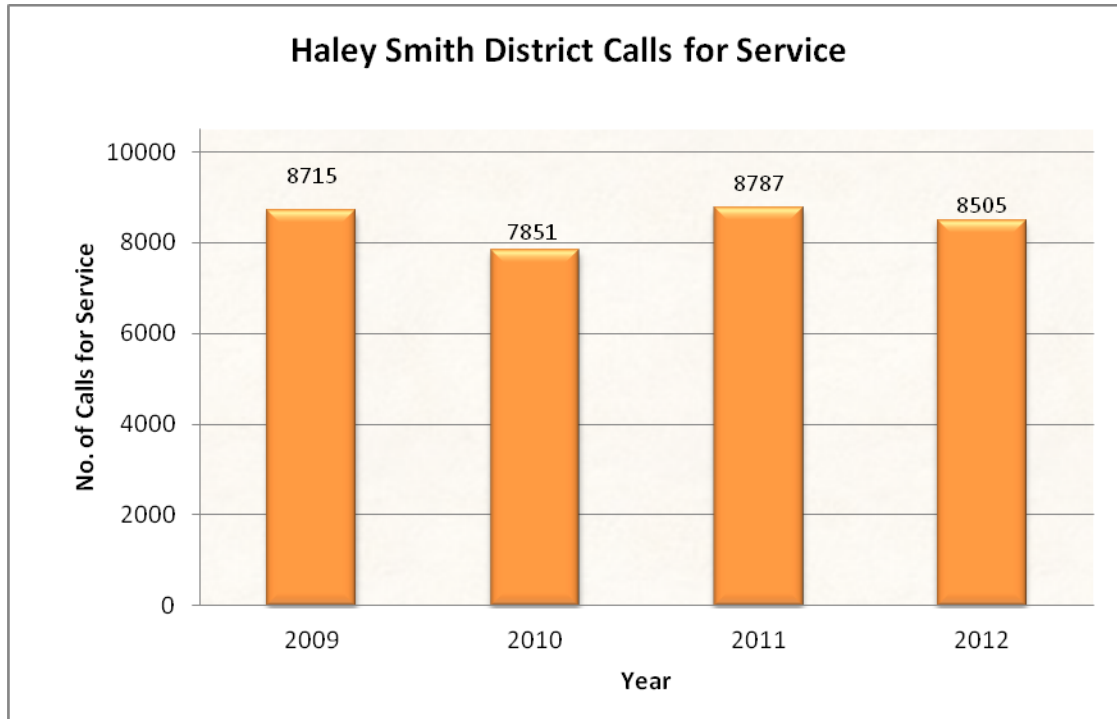

The Golf Course District's most common issue was parking complaints, followed by suspicious activity reported in the area.

**Golf Course District Most Frequent Activity 2011-2012**
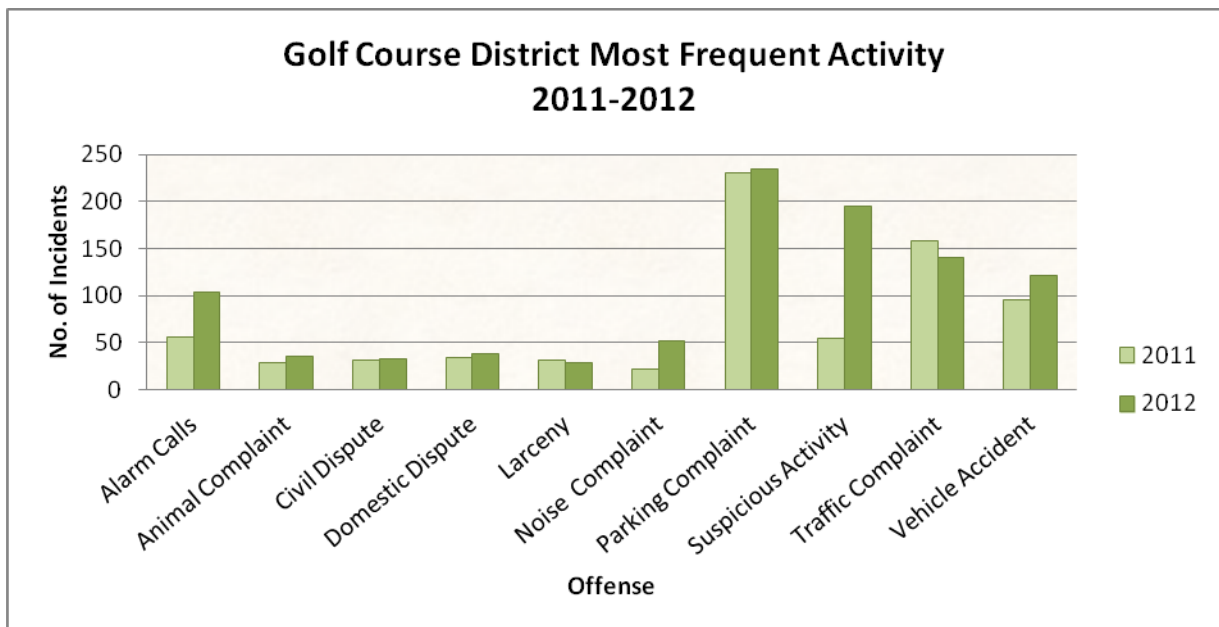
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HALEY SMITH DISTRICT

The Haley Smith District has a higher call volume due to service initiated from walk-ins, follow-ups conducted by officers, and weekly fingerprinting services done onsite at the police department. The police station is physically located in this district.

**Haley Smith District Calls for Service**

The Haley Smith District's most common issue was vehicle accidents, although alarm calls, reports of suspicious activity, and traffic issues were also frequently reported.
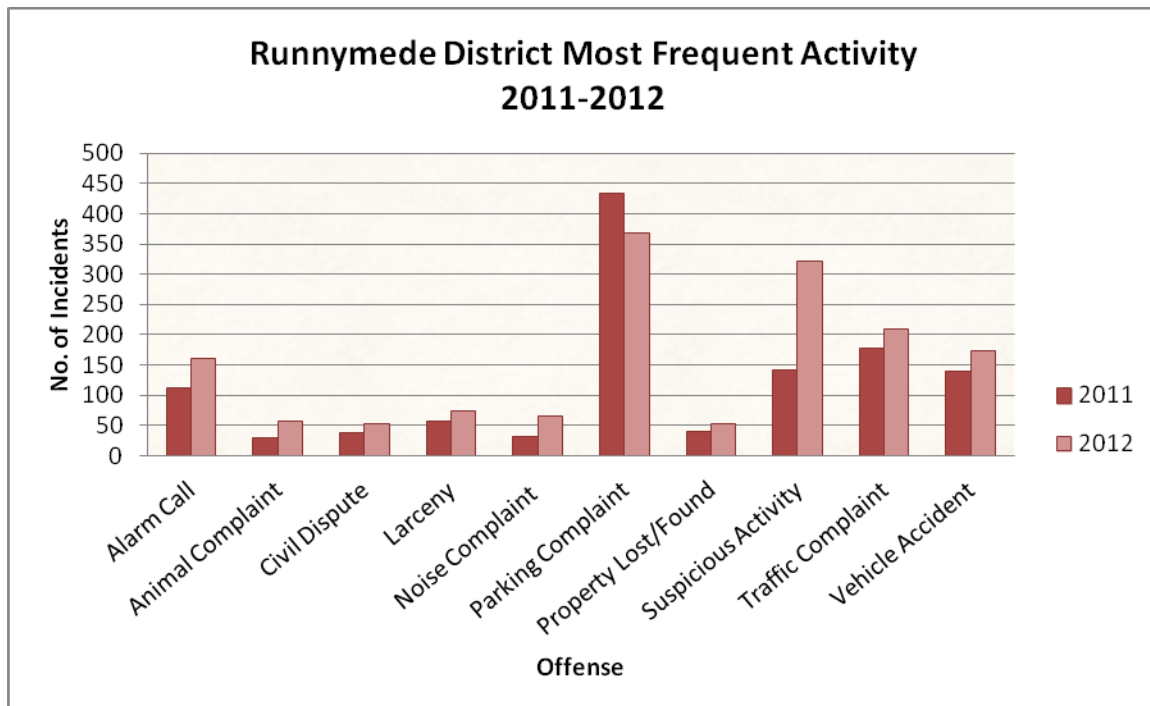
Haley Smith District Most Frequent Activity 2011-2012
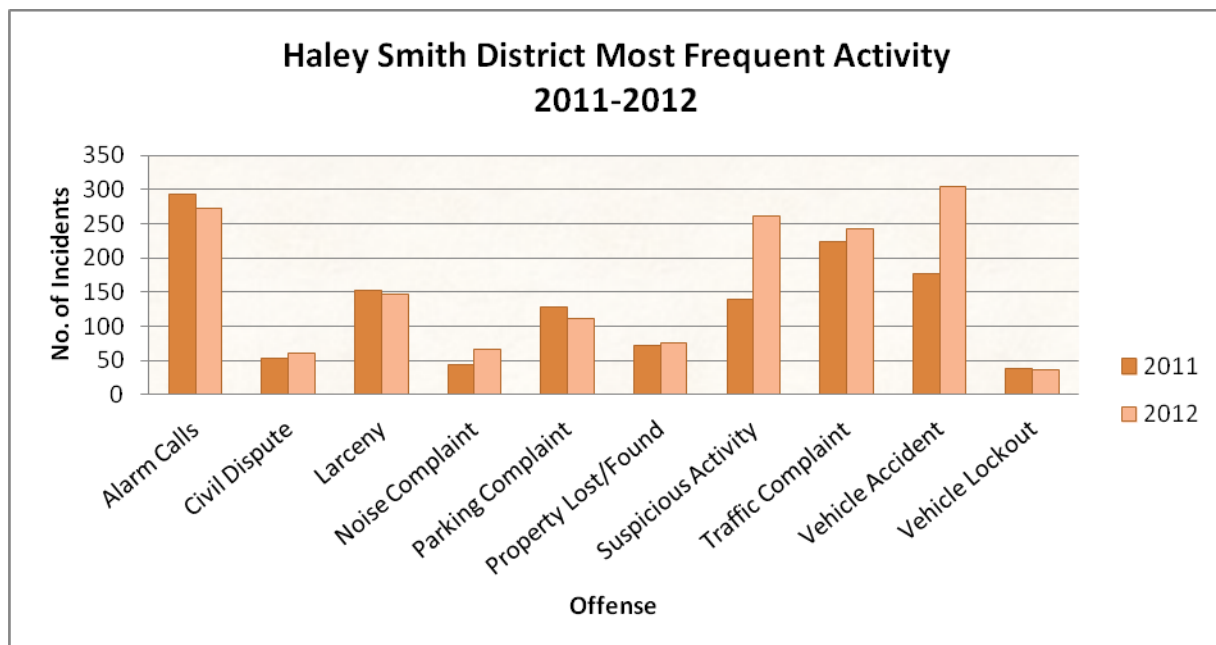
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RUNNYMEDE DISTRICT

Runnymede District Calls for Service
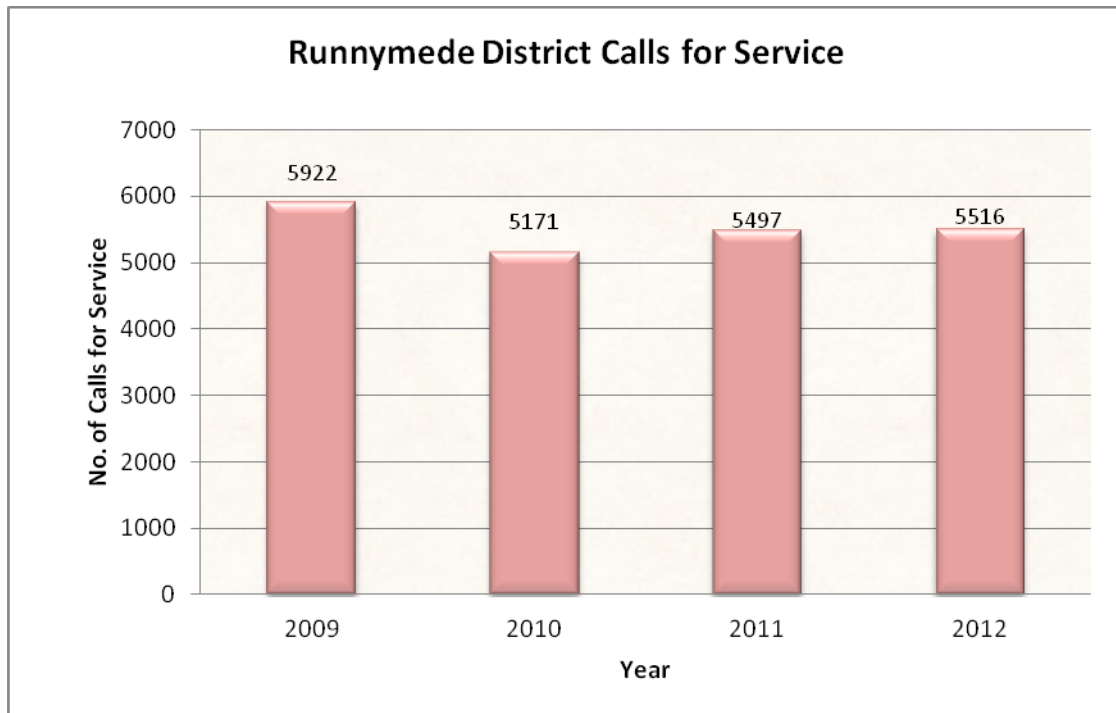
Parking complaints and suspicious activity were the prevalent issues in the Runnymede District in 2012.

Runnymede District Most Frequent Activity 2011-2012

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY